



Meeting on December 17, 2021

This week marked the half-way point in Pres. Tom's REIGN OF TERROR. But we all took it in good cheer, as we opened the meeting in the usual way and welcomed Visiting Rotarian (from the Barrington Breakfast Club) Joe Connally. Pres. Tom gave us these things to keep in mind:

1. Today's meeting is the last one of 2021. We will NOT meet on the 24th or 31st of December.
2. A job expo is coming to town (Conant HS on Feb. 10, 2022) - (look to Terrible Pres Tom (TPT?) for an email blast concerning this).
3. Our Classic celebrity will be Natalie Martinez from Channel 5 news!
4. Our Classic committee will circulate a flyer that will give us and our guests suggestions on what to wear at the 2022 Classic.

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Rampant Happiness rampaged amongst our Rotary Club members including:

Mike E was happy that several of our past Exchange Students are now running Rotary Clubs in Europe.

Linda D was really happy about the success of the PJ fundraiser.

Don M was happy that "deal maker" Nancy R got him a line on \$6,000 of clothing and outer wear bought at Kohls for \$2,300 WHICH ARTICLES WERE delivered to POC which gave them to people who really need warm weather clothes.

Nancy R was happy that Bruce D and Holly F were doing such a good job on their January Fellowship Event (more on this later).

PDG Julie C might have been the only one happy that she and her hubby had just closed on the sale of their home and that soon she will be a Michigander.

Barry C was happy about all the time he spent visiting with Rotarians on his trip to Naples, Florida.

Dennis O was happy to be back home, after lengthy trips to points West including Hawaii.

Gene W was happy to get a meatball and about something to do with the POC clothing drive and his clear and unequivocal sucking up to finemaster Allen G's fashion sense.

Bill K was happy about the "awesome holiday party" thrown by our Fellowship Committee (it was awesome) and about some urgent plumbing work done on his home by Linda D's hubby.

And last but not least, Pat G was exceedingly (\$56) happy about her wedding anniversary with her hubby Ken!

Announcements

Bruce D and Holly F let everyone know that we are reaching capacity for the January 2022 Too Hot To Handel January Fellowship – which means that if you're going, you need to let us know right away, and also, if you are signed up, you will be financially responsible for the Event. *(As it turns out, we are at capacity as of 9:00 a.m. this Saturday morning – we might be able to get more tickets for the show and dinner afterwards, but the transport is at capacity).*

Bruce D also announced that the Veteran's Holiday Dinner Pick-Up with the Trickster will happen between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021 – and that we have more volunteers than we need but Gene W, Coach John and Vince S should arrive at Chandler's at 10:45 on Saturday morning.

Brian B, Treasurer, announced that the Club needs to collect the \$17,000 of past due dues, so please pay your bills, through one of the many convenient ways for you to do so.

Rachel H announced the support materials that the Classic Committee created to help get silent auction donations.

Sarah B was right proud to trumpet all of the things which the Community Service committee has achieved this year, including the Trickster Vet programs, Wings donations, Shop with HE Cops (we gave them $\frac{3}{4}$ of their budget), the POC clothing drive, Toys for Tots competition we did with the now crushed Bloomingdale sister Rotary Club, the Barn, and more.

Brian B announced that future Classics might come in late May rather than in mid-March. (But we hasten to add, this is for 2023 and later Classics, not the 2022 Classic).

And finally, Robert F reminded everyone that if they can't get tangible Classic silent auction donations, CASH works fine. Large amounts of CASH. Like maybe a Benjamin or at least a Grant. Capeesh?

Queen of Hearts

Club Rotarian Ed H was lucky enough to have his number drawn for the Queen of Diamonds (not a) raffle. Unfortunately for Ed, the Queen of Diamonds ditched him, but on a positive note, one of the lower cards (which was the 2 of clubs) was exposed and will not stand in the way between future contestants and the ever expanding jackpot. Sorry Ed. Better luck next time! Thanks for supporting the not-a-affle!

Finemastering

And suddenly, the ambient light dimmed and the sound of disconsolate single hands clapping was heard as we beheld the last Finemaster of 2021 (Allen G) who immediately set about his task to relieve those who were assembled here of their spare dollars, fivers, Tenners and anything else he could get from them, as he fined the following Rotarians:

